

ONLY A QUARTER.

"Please, sir, will you buy my chestnuts?"

"Chestnuts? No!" returned Ralph Moore, looking carelessly down on the upturned face, whose large brown eyes, shadowed by tangled curls of flaxen hair, were appealing pitifully to his own. "What do I want of chestnuts?"

"Please, sir, do buy 'em," pleaded the little one, reassured by the rough kindness of his tone. "Nobody seems to care for them, and—"

She fairly burst into tears, and Moore, who had been on the point of brushing carelessly past her, stopped instinctively.

"Are you so very much in want of the money?"

"Indeed, sir, we are," sobbed the child. "Mother sent me out and—"

"Nay, little one, don't cry," said Ralph, smoothing her tangled hair. "I don't want your chestnuts, but here's a quarter for you if it will do you any good."

He did not stay to hear the delighted thanks the child poured out through a rainbow of smiles and tears, but strode on his way, muttering between his teeth: "That cuts off my supply of cigars for the next 24 hours. I don't care, though, for the brown-eyed object really did cry as if she hadn't a friend in the world. Hang it! I wish I was rich enough to help every poor creature out of the slough of despond."

While Ralph Moore was indulging in these very natural reflections the dark orbited little damsel whom he had comforted was dashing down street with rapid footsteps, utterly regardless of the basket of unsold nuts that still dangled upon her arm. Down an obscure alley she darted and up a wooden staircase to a room where a pale, neat looking woman was sewing as busily as if the breath of life depended upon every stitch, and two little ones were playing in the sunshine that supplied the place of the absent fire. "Marry, back already? Surely you have not sold your chestnuts so soon?"

"Oh, mother, see!" ejaculated the breathless child. "A gentleman gave me a quarter! Only think, mother, a whole quarter!"

If Ralph Moore could only have seen the rapture which his small silver gift had brought into that poverty stricken home, he would have grudged still less his privation of cigars.

Years came and went. The little chestnut girl passed entirely out of Ralph Moore's memory, but Mary Lee never forgot the stranger who had given her the silver quarter.

The crimson window curtains were closely drawn to shut out the storm and blast of the bleak December night. A fire was glowing cheerily in the grate, and the dinner table was aglitter with cut glass, rare china and polished silver. Everything was waiting for the presence of Mr. Audley.

"What can it be that detains you?" said Mrs. Audley, a fair, handsome matron of about 30, as she glanced at her tiny watch.

"There's a man with him in the study, come on business," said Robert Audley, a pretty boy of 12 years, who was reading by the fire.

"I'll call him again," said Mrs. Audley, stepping to the door. But as she opened it the gaslight fell on the face of a humble looking man in breadbasket garments who was leaving the house, while her husband stood in the doorway of his study, apparently relieved to be rid of his visitor.

"Charles," said Mrs. Audley, "who is that man and what does he want?"

"The name is Moore, I believe, love, and he came to see if I would give him the vacant position in the bank."

"And will you?" she eagerly asked.

"Don't know, Mary. I must think about it."

"Charles, give him the situation."

"Why, my dear?"

"Because I ask it of you as a favor, and you have said a hundred times you would never deny me anything."

"And I will keep my promise, Mary," said her lover husband, with an affectionate kiss. "I will write the fellow a note this very evening."

An hour later, when the children were tucked snugly in bed, Mrs. Audley told her husband why she was interested in the fate of a man whose face she had not forgotten in 20 years.

"That's right, my little wife," said her husband when the simple tale was finished. "Never forget one who has been kind to you in the days when you needed kindness most."

Ralph Moore was sitting that self same night in his poor lodgings beside his wife's sickbed, when a liveried servant brought a note from the rich and prosperous banker, Charles Audley.

"Goodness, Bertha," he exclaimed joyously as he read the words, "we shall not starve! Mr. Audley has promised me the position."

"You have dropped something from the note, Ralph," said Mrs. Moore and pointed to a slip of paper on the floor. Moore stooped to pick it up. It was a \$50 bill neatly folded in a piece of paper, on which was written:

"In grateful remembrance of the silver quarter that a kind stranger bestowed on a chestnut girl 20 years ago."

Ralph Moore had thrown his morsel of bread upon the waters of life, and after many days it had returned to him.—Chicago Herald.

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HE WAS HEAVY.

And There Were Times When He Wished He Wasn't.

"I see by the papers that Joe Grimes, the bicycling giant, is attracting a good deal of attention in England at present," said a local wheelman. "Joe has paid a number of visits to New Orleans, and his mammoth proportions are so familiar on the streets that he no longer causes the trolley cars to shy, as they say he did at the outset."

"The last time he was here was during the carnival of '99, and he took occasion then to make several side trips to small towns in the vicinity for the purpose of seeing local agents of the bicycle firm he represents. On one of those trips he had a peculiar and painful experience. He found he would have to stay overnight, and before going to his room to turn in he told the clerk of the hotel that it would be necessary to put some boxes under the bed as a reinforcement to enable it to support his 500 odd pounds of solid flesh."

"The clerk gave the order to a thick headed dark chambermaid, who went down to the storeroom and selected four or five very flimsy cases made of veneering that had once held wafers."

"Joe prodded under the bed with a cane before taking any chances, and, supposing everything was all right, he let himself go. The moment he struck the mattress the whole thing collapsed. The slats snapped like matches, the boxes were shattered like eggshells, and the big fellow found himself on the floor with his legs protruding straight up into the air and his head protruding from the other end of the wreckage."

"He was stuck fast in that position, and his great bulk prevented him from budging an inch, while to cap the climax a bad cold from which he was just then suffering prevented him from raising his voice above a hoarse whisper. The consequence was that he staid right there until about 9 o'clock the following morning, when the clerk sauntered up to see why he didn't come to breakfast."

"The sight of Grimes' enormous face, purple with rage and exhaustion, and his huge fat toes wigwagging convulsively from the other end of the wreck scared him nearly out of his senses, and he yelled for help at the top of his voice. It took all the hotel force to pry the giant out, and the language he used during the operation was something terrifying. I'm willing to bet that he superintends the box ceremony personally at present every night before he retires."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Rolling Passion.

"Marse Jim," said the old colored citizen, "de rheumatism got me, en de doctor say my time is short. I wants ter ax a favor er you, Marse Jim."

"All right. I'll do anything I can for you. What is it?"

"You know dat brand er watermillon dat I lak so well?"

"Yes."

"Marse Jim, w'en I dead en bury I wants you ter plant some 'pon top my grave, en w'en time come fer 'um ter ripen I wants you ter come dar. Don't fetch any knife wid you—don't cut 'um, but tek 'em 'fist en bust 'um wide open en let de sweet juice soak throo ter me, en I'll git it, Marse Jim—I'll git it!"

—Atlanta Constitution.

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